

work." As our work is for Christ we should never think of it as a secondary matter, but we should think that we have no time for any thing else.

In I Pet. 3:8 we are shown how very easily we may go wrong. The first and last clauses of this verse may be exceedingly helpful to us in assisting our officers if complied with, or a hindrance if ignored. The first clause is, "Be ye all of one mind," the last, "Be courteous." We all know what a block of hindrance it is under the wheel of progress when we become divided. Then let us be of one mind, and be courteous. Indeed I think it very discourteous to set up one's opinion against that of the majority to such an extent as to pull in a opposite direction, thereby causing the cause to come to grief.

Courtesy is a virtue that needs to be cultivated in our society, in some places, at least.

We behave very discourteously toward our president when in our business meetings we show a lack of interest. We should always be prompt in taking part in the business and that in a parliamentary way and thus spare our president from embarrassment and chagrin. We sometimes behave so discourteously that it would make me blush to speak of it. Then let it suffice to say we will study to be more courteous and thus assist our officers.

Treasurer's Report of the S. S. C. E., for the Month of December

THEOLOGICAL FUND	
Reported	\$75.18
Milledgeville, Ill., S. S. C. E.	3 00
Leon, Iowa "	1 30
Bellefontain, Ohio "	2 20
Libbie Sterrart, on pledge	1 00
William Yoder "	1 00
L. P. Grossnickle "	2 00
McLouth, Kans., S. S. C. E.	1 00
	\$87 68
To treasurer of Ashland College	\$89 00
Overdrawn,	\$2 32
HOME MISSIONS	
Reported	\$133 03
Bellefontain, Ohio, S. S. C. E.	1 59
Bloomers, " " Ohio Missions	3 18
	\$137 80
To treasurer of N. M. B.	10 00
Balance	\$127 80
SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND	
Reported	\$103 46
Bellefontain, Ohio, S. S. C. E.	2 36
	\$105 82
Withdrawn for Holsinger fund	10 00
Balance	\$95 82
HOLSINGER FUND	
From S. M. Fund	\$10 00
To Brother Holsinger	10 00
NICKOLSON FUND	
Reported	\$16 70
To Brother Nickolson	5 00
Balance	\$11 70
ALICE E. AUGUSTINE.	
R. R. 3., South Bend, Ind.	

Our Young People

CHRIST, OUR HIGH PRIEST

Scripture Lesson, Hebrews 7:24-28

Topic for March 17

Mr. Ingersoll used to say that religion was the product of priestly cunning because the two always go together. There is a truth here despite the defectiveness of Mr. Ingersoll's logic. Priest and religion have always gone together. Indeed we may say that all religions are based on the priesthood, for the office is essential to religion. Communion with God is impossible without it. Every student of history knows the part that the priest plays not only in religions, but in secular matters as well. The Druid priests were all-powerful and influential among our German ancestors. No one would attempt to commune with the Gods, or make sacrifices to them apart from the priests.

We know too the part played by the priesthood under the Old Testament. The tabernacle built by the Jews was of little use practically to the Jews as a whole, because it was inaccessible to them. They could look upon the dwelling place of the Lord only from without. They dared not enter its sacred precincts. They were too sinful, too much defiled to enter into the presence of God. Hence the necessity of priests who served as the bond of union and the means of communication between God and the sinful people. The priest was, in Old Testament times, the one mediator between God and the people.

Christianity has also its Priest, even our Lord Jesus Christ; and all we as believers in Him are kings and priests unto God. "Hidden and suffering priests now; glorified and royal priests we shall be." (Moorehead)

SCRIPTURE LIGHT

I. Christ, Our High Priest, because:

- 1 He is appointed of God, Heb. 5:5.
- 2 Consecrated with an oath, Heb. 7:20-22.
- 3 He is sinless, Heb. 7:26.
- 4 His priesthood unchangeable, Heb. 7:23, 24.
- 5 His offering perfect and final, Heb. 9:25, 28.
- 6 His intercession all prevailing, Heb. 7:25.
- 7 As the God man, He is qualified to serve both for God and on behalf of man, Heb. 1:2.
- 8 He is faithful, Heb. 3:2.
- 9 Needed not to sacrifice for Himself, Heb. 7:27.
- 10 Offered Himself a sacrifice, Heb. 7:14, 26.
- 11 He made reconciliation, Heb. 2:17.
- 12 Obtained redemption for us, Heb. 9:12.
- 13 He has entered heaven, Heb. 4:14; 10:12.
- 14 Sympathizes with the tempted, Heb. 2:18; 4:15.
- 15 Intercedes, Heb. 7:25; 9:24.
- 16 Blesses, Num. 6:23-26 with Acts 3:26.
- 17 An encouragement to steadfastness, Heb. 4:14.
- 18 Christ typified, (1) Gen. 14:18-20; (2) Ex. 40:12-15.

II. The nature of the Priestly office with especial reference to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. (After Moorehead.)

- 1 The Priesthood implied choice on the part of God. Heb. 5:1, 4. So also Jesus was sent and ordained of God for this work. Heb. 5:5; Luke 4:18.
- 2 The Priesthood implies representation. The high priest was to act for men before God, to offer their sacrifices, and to make reconciliation for them. Heb. 5:1; 2:17. He represented the whole people. The whole of Israel was reckoned as being in him and he acted on their behalf. So Christ stands as our representative. All believers are reckoned as one in Him. Rom. 5:15, 19; II Cor. 5:21; I Pet. 3:18. So we read that, "We died with Him," and "were raised up with Him," and with Him are "now seated in the heavenly places."
- 3 The priesthood implies the offering of sacrifice. Heb. 5:1; 8:3. He would be no priest that should have nothing to offer. Dr. Moorehead says, "A priest without a sacrifice is like a king without a

kingdom or a prophet without a message or mission." So Christ our high priest also made an offering, but an offering that far excelled all Levitical offerings. He gave himself, (Heb. 7:27), his own body (Heb. 10:10), his own blood, Heb. 9:12. His ministry must therefore excel all others.

4 Priesthood implies intercession. Under the Old Testament intercession was grounded in sacrifices. This principle always obtains. Sin must be expiated and removed before advocacy or intercession can take place. Lev. 9:22-24. In the N. T. Christ's intercession and sacrificial death are joined together. All He did and was and suffered he did for us. He stands before God as our representative, our advocate, our intercessor. Heb. 7:25.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

- 1 What was the function of the priesthood under the Jewish dispensation?
- 2 What were the qualifications of the priest?
- 3 Of what was the priest under the old dispensation a type?
- 4 In what ways does Christ as a high priest differ from the high priest of the Old Testament?
- 5 What privileges do we enjoy as Christians not enjoyed by the Jews as a whole?
- 6 Why do we need a high-priest and how does Christ supply that need?
- 7 Why is the intercession of Christ more excellent and powerful than that offered under the Old Testament economy?
- 8 Why should we be more confident to approach God than the Jews were?
- 9 What does this lesson teach us concerning the forgiveness of sins? About falling?
- 10 In what ways is Christ eminently befitted to become our high priest?
- 11 What light does his priest-hood throw upon his being both God and man?
- 12 Why do you think he became man, and what confidence have we in him because of His humanity?

WM. D. FURRY,

The Painting Fund

Let me remind the societies that scarce more than one third of this fund has been raised. The work is completed and the debt paid. But our obligation is not yet removed. We must raise this fund. Why not go at it in earnest and remove it at once. We can if we will. Let us seek to become more and more an agency in the church for her up-building and extension. W. D. FURRY.

Missions

Chicago Mission

We were recently made the happy recipients of fifty song books by the Charlie D. Tillman Publishing Co., of Atlanta, Georgia. They are the "Revival, No. 2," a very good book in every way, and one we heartily recommend. The books were donated for our missionary work by the above company, and in behalf of our mission, and missionary friends who support the work, we feel to express our sincere appreciation of the gift.

There is still much sickness, but all convalescing. We have had some very blessed meetings the last week, and good seed has been sown. We close our every night meetings at the mission this week, for a short rest, in view of the coming of Brother Bowman, when the work will again be taken up with renewed vigor and pushed earnestly. We look for Brother Bowman by the 10th or 15th of March. The interim will be devoted